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SUBJECT: CARE AND TREATMENT OF KEY CAMBODIANS

1. THERE ARE PRESENTLY IN BANGKOK A NUMBER OF FORMERLY HIGH RANKING OFFICIALS OF THE GKR (IN TAM, SAK SUTHSAKHAN, LONG BOTTA) WHO HAVE REQUESTED ASYLUM IN THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER ASSISTANCE. AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION, WE HAVE DETERMINED THAT, UNDER US LAW, THERE IS NO RPT NO WAY WE CAN GO BEYOND THE MODEST ASSISTANCE WE ARE PREPARED GIVE ALL REFUGEES. THIS CONSISTS OF ASYLUM UNDER PAROLE, TRANSPORTATION TO THE US IF NECESSARY, MODEST LODGING AND SUPPORT UNTIL SETTLED AND AID IN OBTAINING EMPLOYMENT. THERE CAN BE NO QUESTION OF ANY SPECIAL STATUS. ALL ASSISTANCE IN THE US IS CONFIDENTIAL

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ON A MODEST SCALE AND HANDLED BY VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

2. IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING AND IN AN EFFORT TO AVOID DIS-
APPOINTMENT AND PERHAPS BITTERNESS ON THE PART OF FORMER
SENIOR KHMER OFFICIALS AT WHAT THEY CAN CONSIDER CAVALIER
TREATMENT, EMBASSY SHOULD MAKE SPECIAL EFFORT TO EXPLAIN
FACTS TO THESE PERSONS. IT SHOULD BE POINTED OUT THAT, TO
OUR KNOWLEDGE, NO REFUGEE HAS EVER RECEIVED SPECIAL STATUS
OR CARE IN ASYLUM CASES, SUCH AS SYNGMAN RHEE, KERENSKY, ETC.
IN THE PRESENT INSTANCE, THE PROBLEM IS PARTICULARLY SEVERE
SINCE SO MANY OF OUR KHMER AND VIETNAMESE FRIENDS ARE CON-
CERNED. KISSINGER

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